GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Ocean Voyage of Women Crew
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's first all-women crew ocean voyage has successfully completed expedition recently if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of women participated in the said expedition;

(c) the expenditure incurred during the said expedition; and

(d) the other steps taken / being taken by the Government to promote such activities involving women?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) to (c): A six member all women officer crew of the Indian Navy undertook a maiden open ocean voyage on board the Navy's sailing vessel, Mhadei, from Goa to Mauritius and back from 24th May to 8th July 2016. The expedition covered over 5000 Nm at sea. A total expenditure of Rs. 28 lakhs was incurred on this expedition.

(d) The Indian Navy is also training an all women crew to undertake sea circumnavigation of the globe scheduled in end 2017.

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